

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested in view of the following observations.

1. In the claims

Claim 22 has been amended to correct its claim dependency. Claim 22 now depends from claim 21.

Claims 22 and 29 have also been amended to remove reference characters to put the claims in better conformance with U.S. practice.

The claims are now considered to be placed in condition for allowance.

No new matter is introduced via the amendment to the claims.

Entry of the amendment to the claims is kindly requested.

2. Election

The office action restricted the application to one of the species represented by:

A. Claims 2-12, 15-16, 22-26, 29-30

B. Claims 13 and 27

C. Claims 14, 17, and 28

D. Claims 18, 19, and 31

E. Claims 20 and 32

The Applicant provisionally elects Group A consisting of claims 2-12, 15-16, 22-26, and 29-30 without traverse. It is noted that claims 1 and 21 are considered generic.

All rights are reserved with regard to the non-elected claims as well as the originally claimed and disclosed subject matter in all aspects.

3. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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